

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 104

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1 A Resolution to honor the Blue Star Mothers of America,  
2 Inc.

3 WHEREAS, the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., was  
4 founded as a patriotic service organization on February  
5 2, 1942, to unite mothers who had sons or daughters in  
6 the United States armed forces; and

7 WHEREAS, the nonpartisan, nonsectarian, and  
8 nondiscriminatory nonprofit organization was chartered  
9 by the Congress of the United States in 1960; and

10 WHEREAS, persons eligible for membership in the  
11 organization include mothers and stepmothers who have  
12 sons or daughters who are currently serving in the  
13 United States military or who are honorably discharged  
14 veterans; and

15 WHEREAS, the work of the Blue Star Mothers of  
16 America, Inc., includes providing support for  
17 active duty service personnel and their families,  
18 promoting patriotism, and assisting various veterans  
19 organizations such as the American Gold Star  
20 Mothers; and

21 WHEREAS, the work of the Blue Star Mothers of  
22 America, Inc., is increasingly important with more  
23 than 450,000 members of the United States Army Reserve  
24 components having been called to active service around  
25 the world since 2001; and

26 WHEREAS, the dedication, sacrifice, and hard work

27 of the devoted members of the Blue Star Mothers of  
28 America, Inc., merit recognition; and

1 WHEREAS, the Blue Star Service flag is the official  
2 banner authorized by the United States Department  
3 of Defense for display by families who have members  
4 serving in the United States armed forces during a  
5 period of war or armed conflict the nation may be  
6 engaged in for the duration of such hostilities; and

7 WHEREAS, the Blue Star Service flag was designed and  
8 patented by World War I Army Captain Robert L. Queisser  
9 of the 5th Ohio Infantry, who had two sons serving  
10 on the front lines and the flag quickly became an  
11 unofficial symbol of a child in service; NOW THEREFORE,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That  
13 the House of Representatives recognizes and celebrates  
14 the history and contributions of Blue Star Mothers of  
15 America, Inc., and honor their sacrifice and dedication  
16 to our nation.